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POLICY FOR SIGNAGE IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

Temporary signs may only be placed on private property, according to City Ordinance 6.16. Property lines generally begin behind the sidewalk or 12 feet behind the curb.

A major concern is blockage of sight distance at uncontrolled, or partially controlled, intersections where line of sight for approaching cross traffic can easily lead to accidents. Another one of the major complaints received are near misses for failure to see cross traffic. City of Mankato right-of-way personnel, on a regular basis, will monitor intersections for sight distance and sight triangle.

A notice will be provided to the property owner or sign owner by means of a door hanger, a note, or a phone call, giving 24 hours to move or remove the sign. After that time period, the city will confiscate the sign and notify the company/owner that their sign is in our office and will be disposed of after two weeks unless they come and pick it up.

There will be a \$25 service fee to pick up signs within the 2-week confiscation period.

Taping to painted poles, signal poles, street light standards, and other city-owned infrastructure in the right-of-way is illegal. For repeat offenders, bills will be sent for service, including the cost of removal, the cost of touch-up paint, etc.

The city's intent is to continue this policy as an ongoing secondary effort to minimize the disheveled appearance of neighborhoods, whether residential, industrial, or commercial.